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Hartley to say g'night to 'Morning'

ONCE UPON a time, Bob Woodward had a book coming out, set for excerpting in The Washington Post and in Newsweek, and ready to make post-Watergate history. (This was "The Final Days," co-written with Carl Bernstein.) I was lucky enough to scoop the contents of that book and made worldwide headlines in advance. This made both The Post and Newsweek very unhappy.

But everybody can relax this time. I haven't been able to find out much beyond the bare bones about Woodward's blockbuster that concerns Bill Casey and the CIA. In fact, Simon & Schuster won't even confirm that the title is "Yah." The book will be a cover story in Newsweek the end of this month. Woodward is to be on "60 Minutes" about the same time. The publisher printed the manuscript under close surveillance and on machines not used by other companies. It is doubtful if more than five people know what's coming. The Book-of-the-Month Club has it, and S & S made a 500,000 first press run. Agent Irving Lazar says: "I've never in my life received as much interest or as many calls as for this book, both for TV and the movies!" (Oh, golly—who will play Bill Casey? Ed Begley is dead; maybe Ed Asner.)

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